GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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UNIFORM POLICY TO SCRAP ALL OTHER PURCHASE PROCEDURE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are following both the provisions contained in GFRs and DOP&T OM dated July 14, 1981 and if so, in which cases do they follow GFRs and the cases in which they follow DOP&T OM ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to follow either GFRs or DOP&T OM in the purchase of stationery and other items ;

(c) whether there is rampant corruption in the purchase of stationery and other items in the offices of Dy. Chief Material Managers/Const., Zonal Railways; and

(d) the action taken by the Government propose to streamline the purchase procedures and to eradicate the corruption in the purchases thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) Railways follow the well laid down system of tendering/competitive bidding as per the stores purchase policy of the Government of India, as contained in the General Financial Rules. Department of Personnel & Training`s extant instructions are being followed by Railways in cases of small value local purchases of stationery and other items.

(c) No such case has been reported.

(e) To have enhanced level of transparency, improvements in purchase system such as publishing of tender notices on web-site, provision of downloading of tender documents from web-site, concept of e-procurement i.e. procurement using web based technology are being introduced on Indian Railway system.